

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY CONSULTATION SERVICES**

Function Category: ☒ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☐ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: Care of Patients

Heading: **Medication Use**

Key Word(s): **Psychopharmacology; Consultation**

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Purpose: To provide advanced psychopharmacology consultation to treating physicians.

Brief Description: This service provided approximately 200 consults per year regarding complex questions in psychopharmacology. Areas addressed include selection of medication, potential drug interactions, reduction or elimination of side effects and optimization of response in treatment-resistant or treatment-refractory patients. The consultation team is headed by a psychiatrist with fellowship training in psychobiology and psychopharmacology, and includes psychiatry residents receiving teaching in advanced psychopharmacology.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☐ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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